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WELCOME TO LI HUNG CHANG.—"See, the conquered hero comes."

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IN THIS CIRCUS Mr. Bryan officiates as the man with the iron jaw.

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PRONOUNCED OPINION of the middle-of-the-road Democrat—"I dunno, I dunno."

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WE SUPPOSE if Dr. Jameson had won that fight the rascal would have got fifteen years.

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THEY TELL of a woman who has "a soft, purring footstep." That, we suppose, is poetry for new shoes.

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TOM WATSON contributes profusely to the gayety of nations, and oils his jaws with his own eloquence.

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THE POPULIST is an earnest thinker, but his conclusions come too soon and are broken off in the middle.

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KING MENELEK lets nobody in his country wear gold jewelry, except his wife. That's the kind of a monometallist he is.

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WE DO NOT believe that Thomas Jefferson is turning in his grave, as some persons allege. He is trying to crawl through the bottom of it.

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THE POPULIST has long hair and whiskers and chews a straw. The Democrat wears his hair short and pulls his cider through the minute cylinder.

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THE KNEIPP CURE consists in walking barefooted in the grass morning and evening. Let us hope that the tack-throwers will not get after that fad too.

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THE MR. SIRE who has paid Miss Jacobs over fifty-two thousand dollars for breach of promise is a good deal more of an infant than his name would indicate.

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AN EASTERN TRAMP has a hard time of it when he goes west. The tramps of that climate look upon him as a product of Wall street and a bloated bond-holder.

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THE SPIRITISTS at Lily Dale have a psychic class whose members "will soon be ready to project their egoes to any part of the world." That is taking a mean advantage. What harm has the world done them?

GOLF CRAZE STRIKES BLACKVILLE.

THE REV. DARKE (*angrily*)—"Jess wait twell I lays han's on dat son ob mahn. Ef de young vipah ain't gone an' took de stick out ob mah baist umberellah fo' one ob dem golf-sticks!"

INSURGENTS IN SPAIN.

THE CUBAN INSURRECTION has been carried to Spain. The country swarms with insurgents, who are inciting the natives to riots against taxes. Certainly there has been no previous Cuban trouble of the enormity of this. If the government isn't careful the insurgents will break through the Spanish trocha into Madrid and carry off the government.

RIGHTS OF HOME INDUSTRY.

MRS. LEASE says she employs a fashionable dressmaker who imports her gowns for her. When that lady runs for president she will find that that fact will be the cause of her defeat. Home dressmaking is as good as home silver and silver-mining—we can tell her that. George Washington imported his wearing apparel, and where is George Washington now?

NATURAL KICKERS.

THE DECLARATION of Senator Jones that the southern populists are men who are out for the spoils, and that as a general thing they "will go with the negroes, where they belong," may lessen the Bryan populistic vote; but it has the virtue of considerable truth, and on the whole it won't shock any populists to death. Those fellows have such a liking for opposition that they would get very angry if Jones or somebody else should pay them a compliment.

AN UNAVOIDABLE ISSUE.

THE TARIFF will have to be an issue long enough to enable this government to raise money enough to pay its running expenses. It is a little matter of business that cannot be avoided. The government must not be bankrupted, and it must be able to pay those of its debts that have been created by a tremendous deficiency. Bond issues are a disgrace to a nation as rich as this, and unnecessary interest-paying is a crime. Give the government money enough to pay its way.

TRIMMING DOESN'T PAY.

PITY THAT Senator Hill isn't as frank and outspoken for honest money as Roswell P. Flower. The fact may have a good deal to do with the Democratic national convention of 1900—if there happens to be a Democratic party at that time. The senator has recently won a great name for honesty as well as ability. If he chooses not to deserve it he will make a great mistake. There are many Democrats who want to vote for him for president, and he is the only man who can drive them from their allegiance.

OLD AND NEW ERAS.

A THEOSOPHIST of this town claims that ages ago he was a bird and that he had a mate. This mate is at present a woman and is married to another man, and what he wants is to have her leave that man and fly away with him. And surely there is precedent for such action. Only a few days ago Grandmother Democracy left her family and is at present in the hands of men who until recently were total strangers to her. The deserted persons are inconsolable; but we are obliged to make progress in theosophy, populism, repudiation and lots of things of a similar character.

A RELIEF FROM THE LUNATICS.

THE SOUND-MONEY CONVENTION at Indianapolis deserves comparison with the recent gatherings at Chicago and St. Louis. It is safe to say that nobody will go wild there. There will be no woman dressed in national flags and no man appareled like the accepted picture of Uncle Sam. The mountebank with his soaring speech and the other with his soaring song will be absent, and no delegate will sit in his shirt-sleeves and take off his shoes and stockings. Whatever may come of this convention, it is consoling to reflect that it will be orderly, conservative, decent, dignified and respectable.

WHAT HE WOULD DO.

THE SON (*home from college*)—"Yes, mother, I'm getting along finely. I've been playing 'half-back' with the college team and beating everything that came along."

THE FATHER (*disgustedly*)—"Wa-al th' fust thing thet I'll do, now thet ye're home, will be ter git yer ha'r cut, so's it 'll give yer brain a chance ter work a bit an' yer eyes ter see a straight furrer—then *I'll* give ye a chance ter play 'whoa back' with th' 'home team.'"

NEXT!

Now that the messenger-boys have got to be quicker, look out for this patent novel-rack.

THE DARKEY AND THE CHEESE.

ONE day an old darkey walked into one of the small grocery stores of a southern town, and spying a number of boxes of axle-grease arranged upon a shelf, he called up the clerk and said,

"Boss, how much yo' ax fer one ob dem cheeses?"

Clerk—"You can have one for a dime."

Darkey—"Yo'll fling in de crackers, won't yo'?"

Clerk—"Oh, yes."

The old darkey took them and walked into the rear of the store, seated himself on a goods box, and began to wade into the contents of the box. When he had choked down about half of it he gathered up his remaining crackers and started to leave the store, but was accosted by the clerk with the following query:

Clerk—"Well, old man, how do you like your lunch?"

Darkey—"Well, boss, dis yer's a mighty fine store and yo's a mighty fine man and dem was mighty fine crackers, but I 'clar to de Lawd, boss, dat was de most ransomest cheese I eber taste!"

PLEBEIAN LUXURY.

WHAT penalties must greatness pay to guard a simple name!
Oh, Dignity, what sacrifice in self-defense you claim!

I'd rather ride a bicycle a-down the thoroughfare
Than be a ruler of the realm who really wouldn't dare.

I'd rather spoon with Mary Jane, whoever might be near,
Than be a glittering potentate and live in gossip's fear.

I'd rather go to Coney isle and mingle with the crowd
Than be so fine that such a thing would scarcely be allowed.

Then let the martyrs go their way with lives on duty bent;
'Tis better to be hoi polloi than to be president!

PHILANDER JOHNSON.

THE TRIALS OF LABOR.

Casey—"This do be a tough year for the workin' man."

Maguire—"How's that?"

Casey—"Hickey wint to the library fer a book on the rights of labor, and they gev him something called 'Tarriers Burned Away.'"

BROTHERLY CONDUCT.

SHE—"Why, Mr. Propose, you are not very gentlemanly!"

HE—"Oh, you said you could only be a sister to me, so I thought I would act in a brotherly manner."

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JUDGE'S FAVORITES.

EFFIE ELLSLER.

Old friends are best! nor shall we soon forget
Sweet *Hazel Kirke*, with all her maiden graces.
Her fragrant recollection lingers yet
On changeful scenes, midst unfamiliar faces.
Which proves that, having so survived the play,
The charm was yours, and dwells with you to-day.

FAMILY SKELETON.

SHE used to darn the baby's hose,
" " " " my own at call;
" " " " yours truly too,
But now she doesn't darn at all.
She wheels by night, also by day;
" " " hours and hours; yet
" hasn't learned the proper way
To lift her bloomers out the wet.

UP TO DATE.

Miss Advance—"Why, mamma! did you know that Harriet Beecher Stowe was dead?"

Mamma—"Dear me! yes; and General Grant too."

A SWINDLE.

"PRETTY good joke on Simpley."

"What was it?"

"He sent four dollars to an advertiser for a patent pocket fire-escape and received in return a twenty-cent copy of the new testament."

A SAGE CONCLUSION.

Johnny—"I think I know why corn grows on a cob instead of in a pod."

Papa—"Why?"

Johnny—"Because a pod wouldn't hold so much corn."

FORTUNATE.

"I HAVE nothing against the populists."

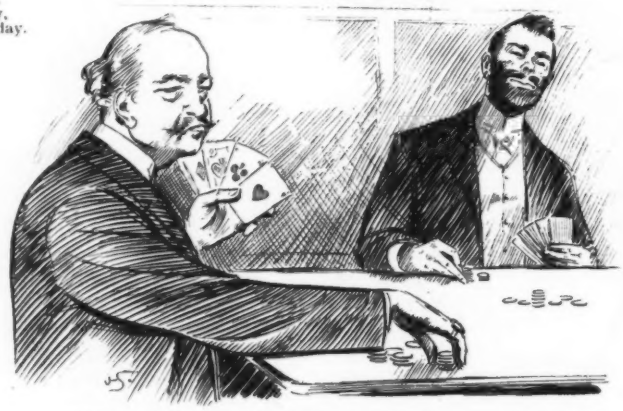
"If you had you couldn't collect it."

A YOUNG OBSERVER.

LITTLE ETHEL—"Do you tell fibs, Mrs. Gossip, same as my ma does?"

MRS. GOSSIP (*all ears*)—"Hush! What makes you think your ma tells fibs, Ethel?"

LITTLE ETHEL—"Why, every time you leave she says to you, 'I hope you'll call again.'"



COMMON EXPRESSION ADAPTED TO POKER.

A man who has a good "deal" to "put up" with.

POLITICAL POINTERS.

NEVER bet your money early in the campaign. You may have a chance of losing it at better odds.

Never work for a candidate with a poor memory.

Never argue politics with a fool unless you're a fool yourself. It takes a fool to vanquish a fool.

Never write letters during the campaign. Documentary evidence is hard to lie down.

Never run for office unless your character will stand the witness-box test.

Never vote for a candidate who speaks involved sentences. He is sure to have an involved head.

Never vote for a man whose horse stops when he says "Get up."

Never become too enthusiastic in praise of your rival. It's good christianity, but poor politics. People may take you at your word.

Never vote for an individual whose wife is president of the local woman-suffrage club.

Never follow a leader who is invariably consistent. Consistency may be a jewel, but politicians are not jewelers.

EDWARD CLAYTON SAVAGE.

DEAR, DEAR!

THE strong man shook with Paine. (Paine was a friend whom he hadn't seen for years.)

AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

O'Hooley (after a heated discussion)—"Gintlemin av th' school-boord, Oi do make a motion thot we aither kape th' ould teacher or hoire th' new wan."

RIGHT ON TAP.

MISS VON DER ROKS—"Oh, dear! I do wish a foreign nobleman would come along."

WAITER (*obsequiously*)—"At your service, ladies. The Viscount Spaghetti would be pleased to take your orders."

A MORAL LESSON FOR PRACTICAL JOKERS.

1. SMALL BOY—"Ha, ha, ha! That's a good joke on pa. I've tacked his slippers to the floor."

IN KANSAS.

"OLD Popley was caught in the storm and struck by lightning last night."

"Why, I saw him this morning."

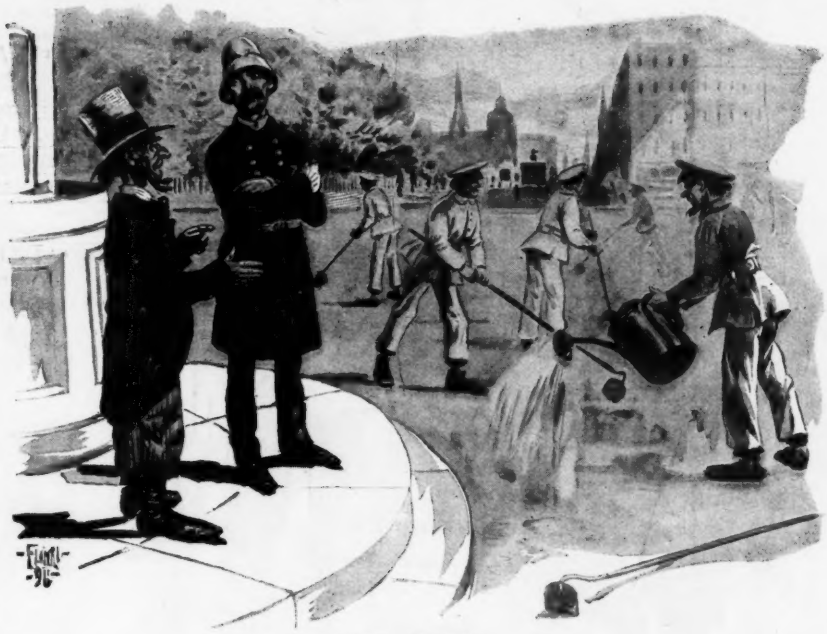
"Oh, it didn't hurt him much. His whiskers were wet and the bolt ran off into the ground.'

A CUTE BOY.

Reginald—"There is one word in the English language that is spelled atrociously."

Reginald's sister—"What is that?"

Reginald—"Atrociously."



SAGE ADVICE.

NEAR-SIGHTED FARMER JONES—"I reckon th' crops don't amount ter much round here, do they?"

OFFICER—"*Crops?*"

FARMER JONES—"Yeh. I see th' hired men waterin' th' streets an' hoein' th' streets most all th' time, but they'll never grow nothin' on th' streets 'less they keep th' pesky waggins off, I kin tell ye."

2. But pa overheard the remark and, to point a moral——

3. ——turns the joke upon his son.

THE NEW LULLABY.

BALOW, my babe, lie still and sleep—
Balow, my babe, balow!
Dada his vigil will near you keep—
That's right, balow!
Ma'ma is off with the mothers' band,
The colonial dames, Sorosis, and
The married bachelor girls; likewise
The sisters of manly exercise,
The womanly-pantaloons guild; also
The league of the anti-calico,
The golfess club, and furthermore
The alliance to tax the bachelor;
The tennis tournament, together
With the woman's bureau for picnic weather;
The cooking-school for men, withal
The meet of the darning-basket ball;
The beefsteak pounders' clan, as well
As the brotherhood of the dinner-bell;
The mangirl phalanx, not to mention
The woman-suffrage state convention,
The female brotherhood of man,
And the manny sisters caravan;
The female knights of Pythias, too,
And the woman's club of the old and new;
The confraternity of dames;
The league for changing men's maiden names;
The female sons of Malta, eke
The cycle circle of belt and breek;
The grand old women of twenty-nine;
The female academy of design;
Some club for reading, singing, thinking;
For sleeping, waking, eating, drinking;
For riding, driving, running, walking;
For working, resting, listening, talking;
Something or other from Maine to Texas
To occupy women of both sexes;
Something to do, or not to do—
Balow, my babe, lie still, balow!
Dada is watching here by you;
He can't get away if he wanted to,
For ma'ma is wearing his pantaloo—
Balow, my babe, thy mother's the queen,
Hush-a-bye, baby—thy father is green!

ROBERT J. BURDETTE.

SHE DESCRIBES A SWELL TURNOUT.

MARGIE returned from her walk one morning with big eyes still expressing wonder. "Oh, dear!" she said, clasping her hands; "it was ze boofulest tarriage painted wiz 'ootin'-dlass an' ze horses tied on wiz sunshine."

ENOUGH A FEAST.

SANDY—"Say, Myles, will yer 'stand' fer goin' ter Cuba an' joinin' de freebooters wid me?"

MYLESY—"Nit! I ain't hardly able ter stand now from de effecks uv de free bootin' I've went up aginst on de route."

DISTINCTION MAKES A DIFFERENCE.

"There goes Miss Blushington, who was 'running down' décolleté dressing at the opera last winter."

"Yes; but now she doesn't run on her neck, you see."

MY GAME.

WE PLAY at tennis, she and I,
Upon the lawn, and be the sky
Or blazing hot or clouded black
I stay; and no, 'tis not the knack
Of serving that I care to get,
Nor volleying, nor even yet
Is scoring games such great delight
That I would play from morn till night.

We play at tennis; yea, and slow
I make the score at times to go
To win? Not I. She wins, unless
I make a hapless slip or press
A point too far; but, don't you see,
Whate'er the game at times may be
I score below or score above
To make her call out "Forty, love."

PHILIP VERRILL MIGHELS.

GREAT WAR-RECORD.

"YOU want a pension, do you?" said the attorney to his caller. "What is your war-record?"

"I have spent twenty consecutive summers at the seaside, and participated in no fewer than eighty-four engagements."

PARALYZED WITH ASTONISHMENT.

"WHAT a sad case of deformity!" remarked the stranger. "The poor man is almost bent double; his face nearly touches the ground."

"Yep, it's purty bad," said the native. "He's been that way ever since one day when he reached down t' pick up a nickel an' found 'twas a quarter."

WHY HE THOUGHT SO.

"I THINK Miss Tenspot is trying to be a new woman," said Skidds to Darley.

"Why?"

"A friend of mine who is a clerk in a shoe-store says she insists upon getting shoes large enough for her."

WOULD COME LATER.

DEACON JOHNSON—"I undahstan' dat young Pahson Goodman doesn' beleebe in a pussonal debil."

DEACON JACKSON—"No; he ain't married yet."

1. RECKONED WITHOUT HIS "HOST."

RETURNED TRAVELER (*sadly*)—"Ten years away from Jersey and not *one* friend to welcome me home."

RIGHT OF A DELEGATE.

"DID you understand the question before the house?" said one delegate to another.

"No; but I wasn't going to lose a vote," was the reply.

A CANINE CONUNDRUM.

Bobby—"Does it make a dog happy to wag his tail?"

Mamma—"Yes."

Bobby—"Then when he has no tail to wag what makes him happy?"

JUST SO.

Sunday-school teacher—"How did the giant Goliath pass into unconsciousness?"

Johnnie—"David rocked him to sleep."

PATIENCE chooses a single road—an uneventful way.

2. RECKONED WITHOUT HIS "HOST."

"Ah, have something on me, boys! I might have known *you* wouldn't forget me."

A KISS.

I.

I COULD describe how fair she was.
Her lips soft swelling
Had made me ask for just one kiss—
But that is telling.

II.

I *could* say how her
eyes said yes,
My fears dispelling;
Yet how her lips remained demure—
But that is telling.

III.

I *could* say how she turned her head,
Faintly rebelling;
And how I won the kiss at last—
But that is telling.

IV.

I *could* say how I closed her lips,
Their anger quelling.
Kissing is good. The only harm
Is in the telling.

AMENDE HONORABLE.

HOTEL-WAITER—"Is dere ennyt'ing else, boss?"
COLONEL KENTUCK (*who had been dallying with New York whisky*)—"Yas. I made a statement thet water wa'n't no good in any way, manner or shape. Thank ther bar-keeper fer th' ice, an' tell him I apologize humbly."

A SUMMER STORY.

"GIRLS," said the good-looking young man to the nine butterflies about him, "you have twitted me a good deal because I do not get married. Now I make you this proposition: I'll marry the girl whom on a secret vote you elect to be my wife."

Each girl went into a corner and used great precaution in preparing her ballot and disguising the handwriting. The result of the vote was that there were nine votes cast, each girl receiving one. The young man is still a bachelor and the girls are mortal enemies.

AN IMPOSSIBILITY.

MRS. NEWLYWED (*pathetically*)—"Is that you, John Henry?"
MR. NEWLYWED—"Yesh."
MRS. NEWLYWED (*most pathetically*)—"Oh, oh, oh! Is *that* the man I thought I could look up to with respect and admiration when I married him?'
MR. NEWLYWED—"Shame man, M'ria; shame man. Don't 'spect t' look *up* t' me from where you are, do yeh? I ain't zhe man in zhe moonsh."

A MIDSUMMER SOLILOQUY.

Weary afternoon-teaite—"Really, I thought the season over; but here is another card. Even at the country-side the tea fad follows me. 'A fête for the benefit of the Oolongville circulating library.' This time it's chari-tea, a different variety, and of expensive flavor."

MASTER AND MAN.

Judkins—"De Routter's man brought him home drunk last night. I thought he had reformed."

Mudkins—"No; his physician put him on whisky and milk."

Judkins—"Well?"

Mudkins—"He drinks the whisky and his man drinks the milk."

GREAT IMPROVEMENT.

Cawker—"Young Pennibs is doing better than he did in the poetry line."

Cumso—"Why, he told me he hadn't written anything for a couple of months."

Cawker—"That's what I mean"

AN HONEST man is a bond-servant to his creditors.

JUDGMENTS FROM MR. MCGARVEY.

IT'S over-rwor-rk thot makes a felly sour.

Remimber, me bye, a felly niver gits dr-runk till he do be too far gone t' git home sober.

Oi've lost me confoidince in Gilligan since th' toime he took an hour t' make a tin-minute spache.

Soize up a woman by her fait. Whin sh' gives 'em gr-reat attintion sh' do be stuck on her own face.

Shure, Oi pity th' sick. Oi saw an owld felly the day thot did be havin' t' sit down most av th' toime he wor walkin' a block.

Whin it's thr-roat tr-rouble th' kid has it's mesilf thot b'laves th'long wor-rds he do be taught in school gits tangled round his wor-rd flipper.

There do be nothin' loike mother love. Shure, whin me gir-rl did git a car-rbuncle on her nick me woman wor thot pr-roud as if 'twor an imerald.

DAVID H. TALMADGE.

A GENERAL RESEMBLANCE.

MRS. FARMER—"You're the tenth tramp that's been here to-day."
FLOWERY FIELDS—"Are yer sure de udder nine wuzn't bicyclists, lady?"

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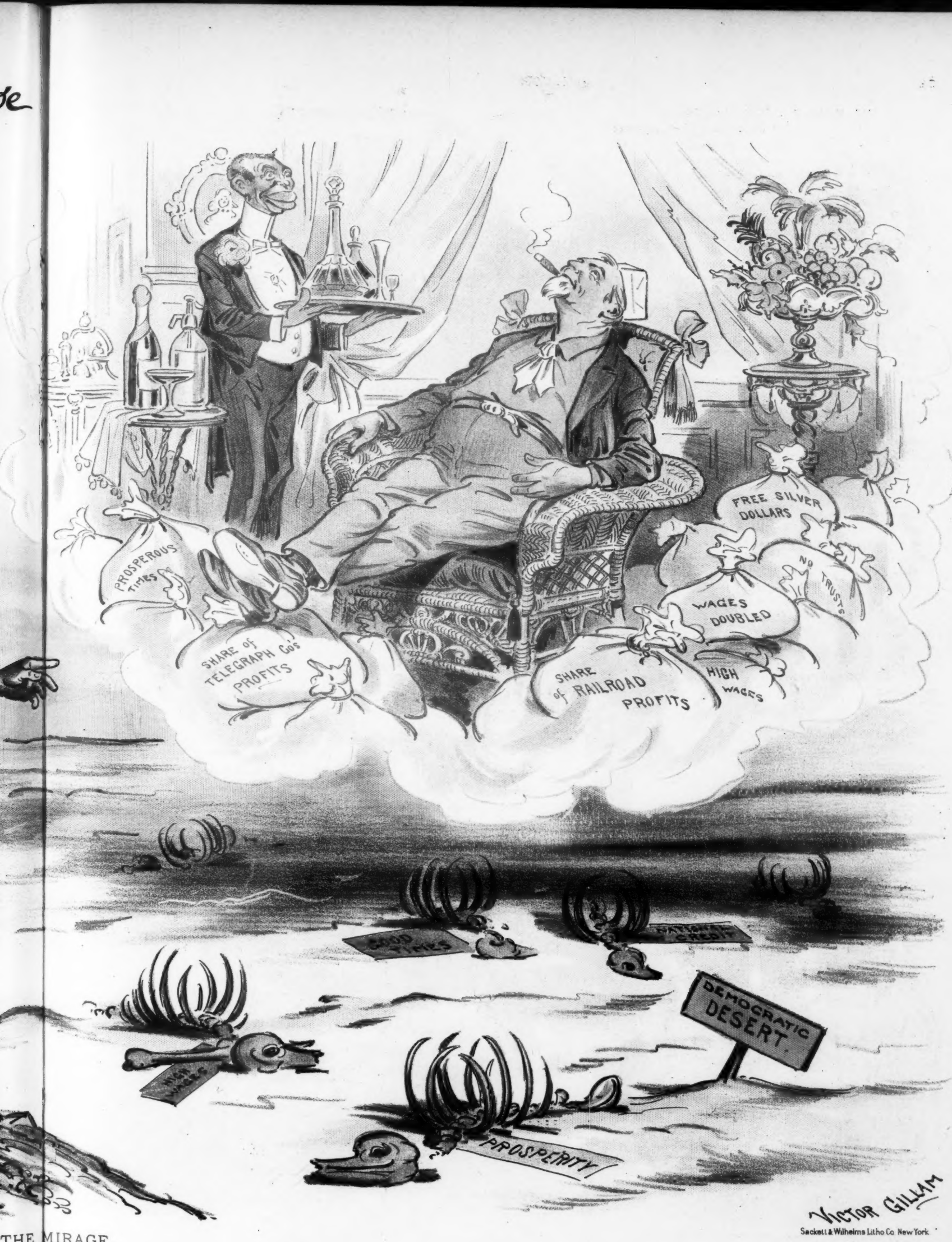
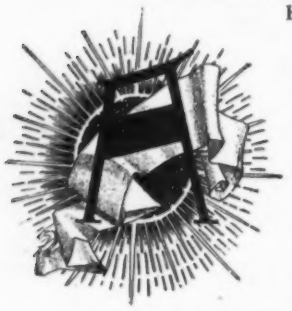
FAKIR BRYAN—"There's richness! There's prosperity fo
WORKINGMAN—"It looks well, but I remember seeing th
the desert yonder. I'll have none of it. I'll not be foole th



THE MIRAGE.

rosperity for you!"
r seeing the free-trade mirage of 1892, and the results of it are on
be foole this time."

HIS MEMORY FOR FACES.



"AH, MISS GILGAL!" exclaimed young Mr. Spudds as he approached that young lady with outstretched palm, "I'm delighted to see you."

Miss Gilgal pretended not to see the hand as she replied,

"I beg your pardon, sir, but you have the advantage of me."

Mr. Spudds dropped his hand and was confused for a moment, but he managed to say,

"Oh, surely I cannot be mistaken. I had the honor of a presentation to you at Mrs. Fosdick's a week ago. My name is Spudds, but of course so popular a young lady as yourself must not be expected to remember every man who begs an introduction."

Miss Gilgal looked him over and then replied sweetly,

"I distinctly remember that a Mr. Spudds was introduced to me at Mrs. Fosdick's, but you cannot be the one."

"Yes, I am the one," protested Mr. Spudds.

"Well, now, that's very odd," added Miss Gilgal, and then she paused a moment, apparently to allow her mind to reflect on her failure to recollect him. "It's strange I should forget, for I have a very good memory for faces."

"Yes, I am the Mr. Spudds," the young man repeated. "I can't have changed much in that short time, can I?"

"No, you can't," the young lady assented frankly. "Neither can I have undergone much of a transformation, can I?"

"Certainly not, Miss Gilgal. That is why I recognized you instantly. I never forget a face," added Mr. Spudds.

"Still, I can't believe that you are the Mr. Spudds whom I met at Mrs. Fosdick's," persisted Miss Gilgal. "Yet I seem to recall having seen you somewhere. Oh, yes, now I know," and a gleam of satisfaction shot across her countenance.

"Yes?" said Mr. Spudds, tentatively.

"Yes, now I know. You are the man who occupied a seat in a Broadway cable-car last night while I held to a strap directly in front of you."

This brought the conversation to a close.

ANNA PIRRPONT SIVITER.

A HOMŒOPATHIC REJUVENATOR.

ABNER, JUNIOR—"Say, pap, what's that riggin' you've got over my bed thet's kernected with the pump?"

ABNER, SENIOR—"Thet's an antidote, me son, thet I've tinkered up fer thet tired feelin' yew hev mornin's when I call yer ter help milk!"

SO FAR WITHOUT HONOR.

Grandpa Westchester—"See that storm, children? Mark my words. There's going to be another blizzard!"

Miss W.—"Oh, gran'pa! you've said that every storm since eighteen-eighty-eight!'

Grandpa—"Yes, an' sometime there'll be one; an' then I'll be a great prophet."

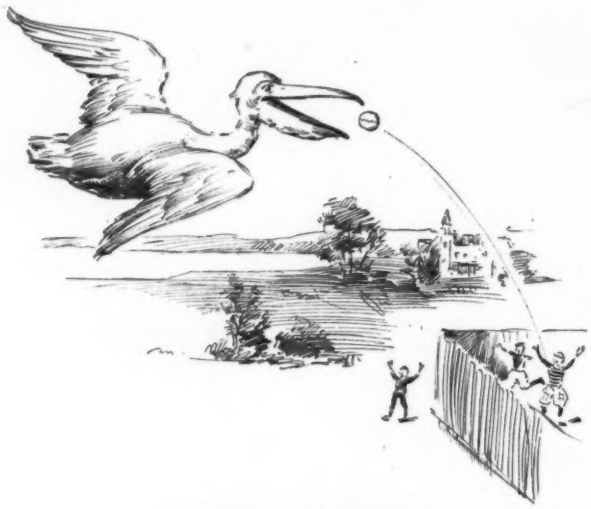
FLYING KITES.

"I WANT to fly my kite," the youngster whined,
"But the string knots—
And there's too much, or else too little, wind
Out in the lots!

"Or if it's up and I would fly it higher
There's too much tail—
Or else it catches on a broken wire!"
Thus ran his wail.

"Here's life," I thought, with grim satiracy.
"Each has his kite,
But strings, winds, wires form a conspiracy
Against its flight."

KATE UPSON CLARK.



A NATURAL MISTAKE.

BELATED PELICAN (*snapping in Casey's sky-scraping hit*)—"Hullo! Here's luck! This must be one of those fish-balls I've heard tell of."

ASLEEP.

"WHAT is the matter, Davie; can't you walk?"

"My feet are dizzy."

THE WAYS OF THE NEWLY WED.

THE BRIDE (*enthusiastically*)—"But, girls! That lovely trip up the Hudson. Such scenery! We'll never forget it as long as we live. Will we George?"

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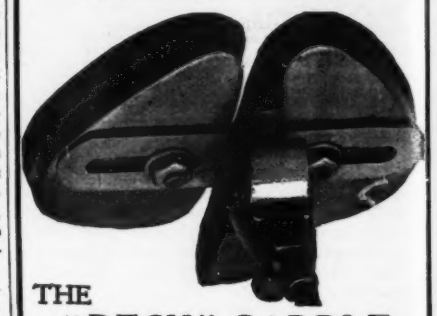

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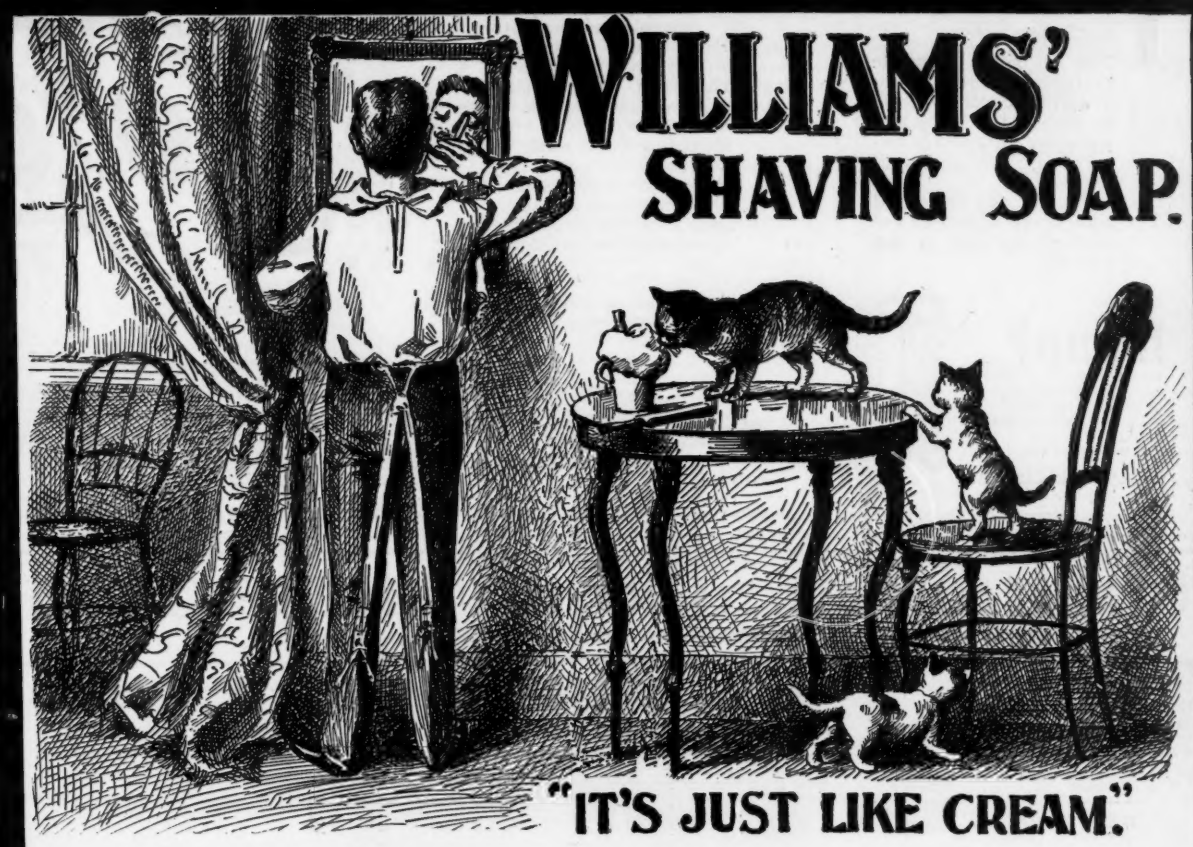

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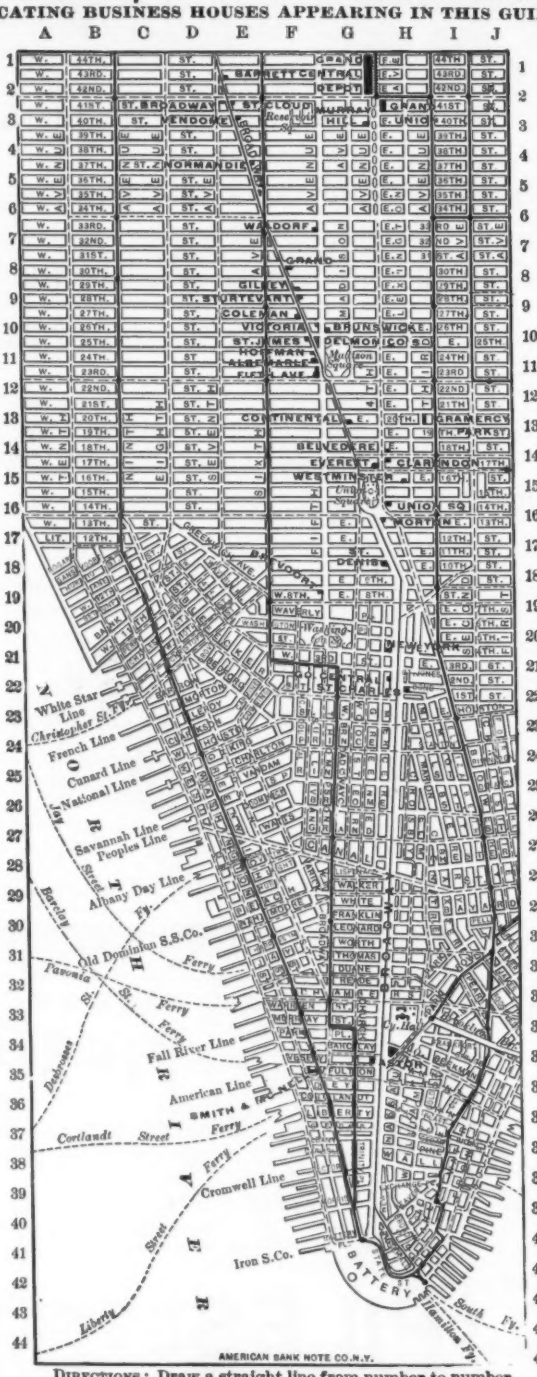

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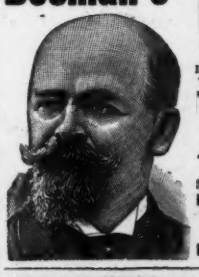

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